

MARYLAND WIND WORKING GROUP

FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2005

CHESAPEAKE BAY FOUNDATION CONFERENCE ROOM, ANNAPOLIS, MD

The purpose of this meeting is to convene a group of stakeholders interested in promoting responsible wind development in the state of Maryland. This group will represent a diverse set of interested parties and together will work to identify and overcome barriers to the growth of wind energy in the state of Maryland.

9:00 – 9:30 am REGISTRATION/CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

9:30 – 10:30 am WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

An overview of the day along with introductions and expectations of all participants.

- Susan Shipman, Wind Energy Program Manager, Maryland Energy Administration
- Facilitator

10:30 – 10:45 am OVERVIEW OF WIND POWERING AMERICA AND STATE WIND WORKING GROUPS

The U.S. Department of Energy's Wind Powering America Program has been working with states across the country to help foster the development wind power. One such activity is the development of State Wind Working Groups. This session will provide an overview of WPA and the tools it has available to States, as well as explain the roll of State Wind Working Groups.

- Phil Dougherty, U.S. Department of Energy
- Larry Flowers, National Renewable Energy Laboratory

10:45– 11:00 am MID ATLANTIC/PJM REGIONAL PERSPECTIVE

The Mid Atlantic region is teeming with renewable energy activity. RPS and similar standards have been developed or proposed in neighboring states, and multiple new wind developments have been proposed in the region. How do actions in neighboring states impact Maryland? What is the impact on the market for renewable power and on the transmission grid?

- Joe Kerecman, PJM (invited)

11:00 – 11:15 am BREAK

11:15 – 12:30 am WIND POWER IN MARYLAND

With 2 permitted wind sites in Western Maryland and a small wind demonstration project on the Eastern shore, there is much wind activity in Maryland. What is the status of these projects and what can we learn from them to help reduce barriers to the wind industry?

- Kevin Rackstraw, Clipper Windpower
- Wayne Rogers, Synergics (invited)
- US Wind Force, (invited)
- Meg Walkup, Eastern Neck Refuge, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (invited)

12:30 – 1:30 pm LUNCH

1:30- 2:00 pm CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES: POLICY

With a Renewable Portfolio Standard and Net Metering Law in place, Maryland offers some real opportunities for enabling renewable energy through the policy process. How are these policies being implemented? How can we make it even better?

- Matthew Brown and Jennifer Smith, National Conference of State Legislatures

2:00 – 2:45 pm CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES: ENVIRONMENTAL

Weighing the environmental risks and rewards can make or break a wind project. In this session we will explore the environmental impacts that are common in Maryland and what is being done to address them. We will also explore how wind energy is being used to further environmental goals including meeting state obligations for improving air quality

- Dale Strickland
- Ann Elsen, Montgomery County, MD (invited)

2:45 – 3:00pm BREAK

3:00 – 3:30 pm CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES: DEVELOPMENT & SITING

The selection of appropriate sites for wind power is an essential part of the process. This session will provide perspectives from both the state government regarding permitting, as well as a developer's perspective on site selection to provide insight into this phase of wind development.

- John Sherwell, Power Plant Research Program, MD Department of Natural Resources
- Kevin Rackstraw, Clipper Windpower

3:30 – 4:00 pm CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Wind development both large and small can provide economic benefits to the state. In this session MaryPIRG will detail the findings of a study on the job creation benefits of wind power for the Mid Atlantic region. The farm bill also provides incentives for renewable energy. We will explore how to more effectively access resources through the Farm Bill.

- Brad Heavner, MaryPIRG (invited)
- USDA Regional Office, Farm Bill

4:00 – 5:00 pm MOVING FORWARD – FACILITATED DISCUSSION

What would you like to see this group do in the future? What issues are in most need of attention shore term? Medium term? Long term? What is the best mechanism for continued involvement? Development of an Action Plan.

5:00 pm ADJOURN